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Professor Michael Herz, Professor Kate Shaw and Professor David Rudenstine offered their assessment of the impeachment trial at "What the Heck Just Happened? Assessing the Trump Impeachment," sponsored by the **Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy**. Their collective analysis, during a panel discussion hours before President Trump's acquittal, gave an overview of the impeachment trial's process and rules and clarified that there was uncertainty amongst lawmakers of how the process is supposed to work.

The three professors addressed questions such as what was the definition of "high crimes and misdemeanors" and what did the Constitution's original framers have in mind when they thought about impeachment. "The Constitution says very little about impeachment," said Professor Herz. "No one knows what the standard of proof is in the Senate impeachment trial."

Professor Shaw commented that the country's political environment in 1974, when President Richard Nixon resigned (before he would have likely been impeached) was "less polarized" than today.

Professor Rudenstine noted that the country seems to be within an "age of impeachment" noting President Clinton's in 1998, but nothing prior that except for President Andrew Johnson over 100 years prior.